

1 The City Council of the City of Seabrook met in special session on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 6:00  
2 p.m. in Seabrook City Hall, 1700 First Street, Seabrook, Texas to discuss, consider and if appropriate,  
3 take action on the items listed below.

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5 **THOSE PRESENT WERE:**

6 THOM KOLUPSKI

MAYOR

7 ED KLEIN

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 1

8 LAURA DAVIS

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 2

9 JEFF LARSON

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 3

10 NATALIE PICHA

MAYOR PRO TEM

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12 BUDDY HAMMANN Ex. Abs.

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 4

13 JOE MACHOL

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 5

14 GAYLE COOK

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 6

15 SEAN LANDIS

CITY MANAGER

16 STEVE WEATHERED

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

17 ROBIN LENIO

CITY ATTORNEY

CITY SECRETARY

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19 Mayor Kolupski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the audience in the United States and  
20 Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

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22 **1. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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24 Robin Lenio, City Secretary, reminded City Council of the upcoming Open Space and Trails  
25 Committee Appreciation Luncheon. Also, the Seabrook Information Technology Department has solved  
26 the issue with the microphones in the Council Chambers. Council will no longer have to lean into the  
27 microphones to be heard.

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29 **2. NEW BUSINESS**

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31 **2.1** Consider and take all appropriate action on authorizing the Mayor to sign documents drafted by  
32 Bay Area and Harris County Organizations and other associations of which the City of Seabrook is a  
33 member to be submitted to the Texas Legislature in support of local municipalities.

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35 Mayor Kolupski explained that there are a number of times when attending meetings of  
36 organizations, such as BAHEP, HCMCA, and TML, that letters of support to another organization and/or  
37 legislation are brought forth. The timeframe to get these letters signed is quick, most times before there is  
38 an opportunity to submit the items to Council for approval. These letters are important because there is  
39 power in numbers, and when local mayors do not sign these petitions and/or letters it gives the impression  
40 that they are not in support. Recently, with the recommendation of the City Manager and City Attorney,  
41 Mayor Kolupski passed on signing a letter of support for the Grand Parkway coming to the south side of  
42 Galveston County due to the uncertainty of how Council felt about that item.

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44 Mayor Kolupski continued that having the Speaker of the House call elected official inappropriate  
45 names is unacceptable and there needs to be consequences for the attack on cities. A meeting with Texas  
46 House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, Senator Larry Taylor, and State Representative Dennis Paul was recently  
47 postponed, and if Speaker Bonnen does show up to the rescheduled meeting, the Mayors will have a few  
48 words to say. Cities were hurt in the last legislative session, including a threat to cities to stop using  
49 lobbyists, which was directed towards the Texas Municipal League. There is a letter circulating, for the  
50 Mayor to sign, to endorse Harris County cities' stance against these attacks. Because Seabrook is a smaller

city, we look to these organizations that draft and submit the letters of support, like Harris County Mayors' and Councils' Association, to carry Seabrook's voice to the Legislators.

The Council needs to approve the Mayor signing the document that the Harris County Mayors' and Councils' Association President is drafting in regards to the removal of the Speaker of the House.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Machol and seconded by Councilmember Klein*

*To approve authorizing the Mayor to sign documents drafted by Bay Area and Harris County Organizations and other associations of which the City of Seabrook is a member to be submitted to the Texas Legislature in support of local municipalities*

*MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT*

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mayor Kolupski adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2020.

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Thomas G. Kolupski  
Mayor

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Robin Lenio, TRMC  
City Secretary